

Grand Coulee Dam F. D. May 15

Lafayette Stamp Georgetown, S. C.

Hopes of the several communities named Lafayette throughout the nation for the first day of issue privilege of the Marquis de Lafayette commemorative were dashed with the Post Office Department announcement on the matter.

The first day city will be Georgetown, South Carolina which is the approximate location of the place upon which Lafayette first set foot in the United States. That was on June 13, 1777. First day date of the stamp will be 175 years later on this same day, June 13.

Other than these details, the Post Office Department revealed no other information.

Expert Committee Welcomes Wilson

The Philatelic Foundation, New York City, announces that Sir John Wilson, of England has accepted the invitation to become Honorary Member of the Expert Committee.

Sir John is well known to American Philately. He served on many International Juries, including New York 1936, New York 1947, Toronto 1951, Berlin 1930, and Vienna 1933.

Sir John has served as Keeper of the Royal Collection for two kings and one queen. His knowledge and experience are enormous. As head of the Expert Committee of The Royal Philatelic Society, London, and ex-president of the Society, he has seen the greatest collections of the world and knows intimately most of the great collectors.

Clerks Up Price On Korean UN's

While he is of the opinion that the South Korean government does not sanction the practice, Major C. A. Lively now stationed in Korea states that Korean postal clerks are upping the price of stamps several times above face across the counters at the post offices.

As an example he cites the fact that he wanted to purchase the recently issued UN set at the Seoul post office. The clerk asked \$10 for the set which has a face value of approximately \$2.50.

Major Lively said, "When the fact was pointed out to the clerk that the face was but \$2.50, the clerk would only say that they were worth more than that to stamp collectors and no amount of arguing would do any good. It was either pay the amount asked or don't take them."

New Official Family For Newton Falls Club

New officers have taken over the official duties of the Newton Falls, Ohio Stamp Club. Members elected Steve Namesnik, Jr. president; William H. Schoultz vice president; Ben Aho treasurer; and Mrs. Leona Schoultz, Box 348 Brady St., Newton Falls, Ohio secretary.

Interested persons are invited to the meetings which are held on the second and fourth Mondays in the Community Bldg. on Quarry St.

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FOR CUBA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY. On May 20, Cuba's 50th anniversary as an independent republic, a set of twelve commemorative stamps will be released. The emission will include seven regulars, four airmails and one special delivery, plus three souvenir sheets on which will be distributed the stamps in equal numbers. Also to be released in April are two airmails of 8c and 15c denominations, the design common to both, to be seen above. Further details on the issue can be gotten from the news story elsewhere on this page.

Cuba Will Mark 50th Anniversary Of Founding With Twelve Commems; New Airs In April, New Set Later

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Cuba will be most fittingly memorialized with a set of twelve "commem" size stamps to appear on May 20. Seven of them are for regular postage, four are airmails and one a special delivery. Designs include persons prominent in the establishment of the government, reproductions of notable buildings in the republic, and a pictorial representation of some of the island's industries. Each stamp is to be printed in bi-color from engraved plates, in panes of fifty. May 20 is also the actual 50th anniversary date.

Designs colors and denominations are as follows: These all have a black vignette, the other color being the frame—1c green, Establishment Meeting; 2c red, first president and vice president; 5c blue, four officials of the first government; 8c brick red, the capitol at Havana; 10c light brown, the constitution; 20c olive; map of Cuba; 50c yellow, sugar cane plant.

The following airmails all have the vignette in green, and the frames in the colors as given:—5c violet, rural school; 8c bright red, statue at the University of Havana; 10c bright blue, presidential palace; 25c purple, Cuban bank note; 10c orange (special delivery), Arms, and bar from national anthem.

There will also be souvenir leaflets made from the stamps above from the identical engraved plates. There will be an issue of 7500 perforated and 7500 imperforate of each of three.

One will contain denominations of 1c, 5c, 50c regulars and 10c special delivery the stamps having a gold frame and the vignette in sepia. Selling price 80c.

A second made up of the remaining regulars will contain the 2c, 8c, 10c and 20c also in gold frames and sepia centers. Selling price is 55c.

The four airmails will appear on the third sheet these being the 5c, 8c, 10c and 25c all in gold and sepia. Selling price is to be 65c.

Cubans are already very much enthused over this stamp series. The president has personally evinced a warm interest in the

issue a fact which has been made public.

Also soon to come from Cuba is an entirely new airmail series, according to Eduardo R. Almeyda of Havana.

Until this new emission appears the republic will release some time in April two airmails, both of identical designs, with denominations of 8c and 15c. While no colors have been determined for them it is expected that the 8c will be blue and the 15c a brick red.

Printing will be from engraved plates on a flat bed press and have a 10 perforation.

Sale of these stamps is expected to last for approximately four months until the new series appears, but in any event printing will continue until such a series appears.

Eduardo Almeyda designed the stamps which show a four-motored Constellation in flight.

April Stamp Show At Tucson, Arizona

For three days, April 18 to 20, the Tucson Stamp Club will stage an exhibition in the Santa Rita Hotel in downtown Tucson, Arizona.

From indications of the material which has been promised for exhibition to date this no doubt will be one of the most interesting and outstanding shows in that area for 1952.

The public is invited to attend, there being no admission charge.

Grand Coulee, Washington First Day City; Covers Must Go To Spokane For Service

The largest masonry structure ever to be erected in the history of mankind, the Grand Coulee Dam, will be the subject of a 3c commemorative stamp to be issued at Grand Coulee, Washington on May 15. A rather stunning picture of this creation occupies the central part of the stamp's design in, turn being flanked on the right and



left with the picture of a farmer working in an irrigated field and high power transmission lines and towers. Irrigation and power were the primary reasons for Grand Coulee's construction. The color in which the issue will be printed was not made known, but the printing will be in panes of 50 with a total production of 110 million copies.

The Post Office Department bulletin describing the stamp reads as follows:

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson announced that the 3c Grand Coulee Dam commemorative postage stamp will go on sale at Grand Coulee, Washington, on May 15, 1952.

The issuance of this stamp will be preliminary to a celebration which the people of the Columbia Basin are planning from May 22 to June 1, in observance of the first integrated portion of the big million acre Columbia Basin reclamation project.

This stamp is being issued in commemoration of fifty years of Federal cooperation with the West in developing the resources of the rivers and streams which head up among the mountain ranges between the Missouri River and the Pacific Ocean.

Grand Coulee Dam is the key structure in the great Columbia Basin Reclamation Project in central Washington State. It is the largest concrete dam in the world and also boasts the largest hydro-electric plant and water pumps.

At the same time Mr. Donaldson made available the description of the Grand Coulee stamp. It will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally with a double outline frame, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be announced later.

An initial printing order of 110,000,000 Grand Coulee Dam commemorative stamps has been authorized.

The central design of the stamp is a scene of Grand Coulee Dam, showing the spillway. An irrigation farmer at work is shown on the left and on the right appears a power transmission line and towers, typifying the two principal benefits of this project.

The wording "U. S. Postage" is shown at the top center of the design with the denomination "3c" in each upper corner, in white face Roman. The title "Grand Coulee Dam," in white face Gothic appears in the lower part of the central design and in a ribbon, which frames the bot-

tom of the central design, is the wording "1902 Reclamation 1952," in dark modified Roman. The words "Irrigation" and "Power" appear in the lower left and right corners, respectively, in white face Gothic.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of ten, to the Postmaster, Spokane, Washington, where the preliminary work will be done, after which the covers will be forwarded to Grand Coulee, Washington, for cancellation.

All money order remittances should be made payable to the Postmaster, Spokane, Washington.

An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "FIRST DAY COVERS".

While Grand Coulee is the biggest concrete construction job ever completed by humans, it is seven times larger than the massive pyramid of Cheops and 2½ times larger than Hoover (Boulder) Dam, it is not the highest. It is topped in that department by Hoover and Shasta Dams.

Even so it towers into the air 533 feet, and at its crest stretches 4300 feet in length.

Grand Coulee Dam is on the Columbia River in central Washington. It was built by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation being completed in 1942.

As to type it is of the straight gravity with a total of 11,250,000 cubic yards of concrete poured in its making.

The reservoir formed by the dam goes 151 miles upstream to near the Canadian border it containing 10,000,000 acre-feet. Water stored in this reservoir will be used to irrigate within the next 25 years or more 1,200,000 acres of land, regulate the flow of the Columbia River, and develop electrical energy to be used for pumping, irrigation and for other purposes.

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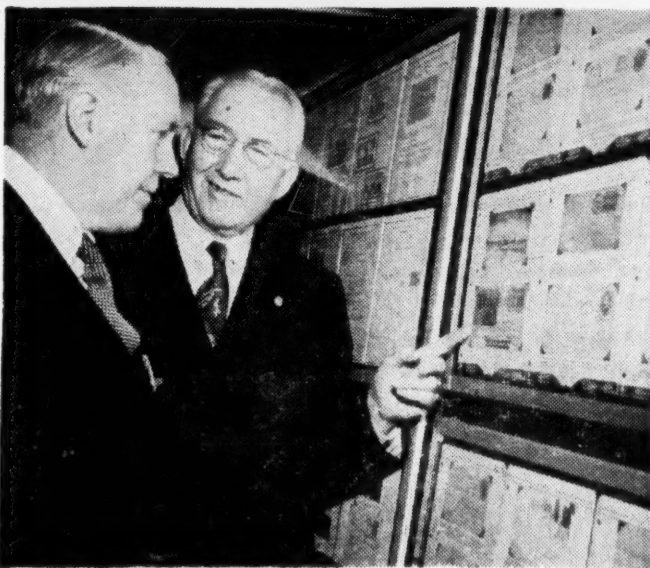
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The Nibelungenlied

by Clare McAlister

"The Nibelungenlied" is not only the great national epic of Germany, but it is considered one of the world's great classics. Although German in its spirit and environment, it rises above the confines of nationality.

One of the favorite themes of the minstrels of northern Europe during the Middle Ages was the long series of heroic deeds and tragic events centering around a mythical race of Scandinavian dwarfs—the Nibelungs. These tales, at last, took written form in German as the Nibelungenlied and in a Scandinavian version as the Volsungasaga.

The story found in the Volsungasaga, although written after the Nibelungenlied, represents a more primitive version. Wagner based his famous "Nibelungen Ring" on this setting which more nearly approaches original conditions as they existed in the days when the world was young; when the gods still walked the earth and mixed themselves in with human affairs.

The Nibelungenlied, in spite of the fact that its extant versions are of much earlier date, is mediaeval rather than primitive. The supernatural elements are eliminated or subordinated and the gods have vanished from the scene.

The basis of the story, according to some authorities, is historical and is a medley of Franco-Burgundian historical traditions overlaid with mythical fancies.

Although the origin of the stories is shrouded in the mist of the centuries, it is interesting to note that Etzel has been identified as Attila, King of the Huns in 433, and Dietrich of Bern as Theodorich of Verona.

A plausible case has also been made out for identifying Siegfried with Segerio, son of the Burgundian king Sigimund, and Brunhild with the historical Brunhildis, queen of Austrasia in the early part of the 7th century.

With that very brief background, let's consider the highlights of the Song as shown on the Austrian series of 1926, B71-B76. The translation is by William Nanson Lettsom.

Siegfried was the son of the governor of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and was the possessor of the hoard of the Nibelungs. He is thus described:

"I tell you of this warrior, how fair he was to see;
"From shame and from dishonor he'd be ever free.
"Forthwith fierce and famous was'd the mighty man.
"Abt! what height of worship in this world he wan!"

After he reached man's estate, Siegfried told his parents that he had heard of the beauty of Kriemhild, daughter of the King and Queen of Burgundy:

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So Gunther wed Brunhild and she went to dwell in the court at Worms. Siegfried and Kriemhild were then married.



One day when the two queens were sitting together, Brunhild became weary of hearing Kriemhild's constant praise of her husband and a bitter quarrel followed. It was continued when the queens met on the steps of the church (B73).

"Both met before the minister in all the people's sight;
"There at once the hostess let out her deadly spite.
"Bitterly and proudly she bade fair Kriemhild stand;
"No vassals preceded the lady of the land."

When Siegfried heard of the quarrel, he gave excellent advice which should not be overlooked at this point:

"Women must be instructed," said Siegfried the good knight,
"To leave off idle talking, and rule their tongues aright.
"Keep thy fair wife in order, I'll do mine the same.
"Such overweening folly puts me indeed to shame."

Brunhild, smarting from the public insult, complained until Hagen declared he would see that she was avenged. So Siegfried was killed and Brunhild slew herself with his sword. Kriemhild vowed vengeance on her brother, as she felt he was responsible for Siegfried's death.

Thirteen years later, Etzel bade one of his knights, Rudiger of Becharen, ride to Worms and sue for the hand of Kriemhild in his master's name. Kriemhild returned with him to Hungary to be the bride of the King.

Another thirteen years elapsed during which Kriemhild had continued to brood over the death of Siegfried and her revenge. She finally persuaded Etzel to invite her kinsmen for a midsummer visit.

Upon receipt of the invitation, the Burgundians (in this part of the poem, they are frequently called Nibelungs because they now held the great hoard) started out. When they reached the Danube Hagen volunteered to go in search of a boat or raft to cross the stream.



He had not gone far before he heard the sound of voices and saw some swan maidens (Donau, or Danube, Nymphs—Austria B74) bathing in a fountain. They said to him:

"I will warn thee, Hagen, thou son of Aldrian;

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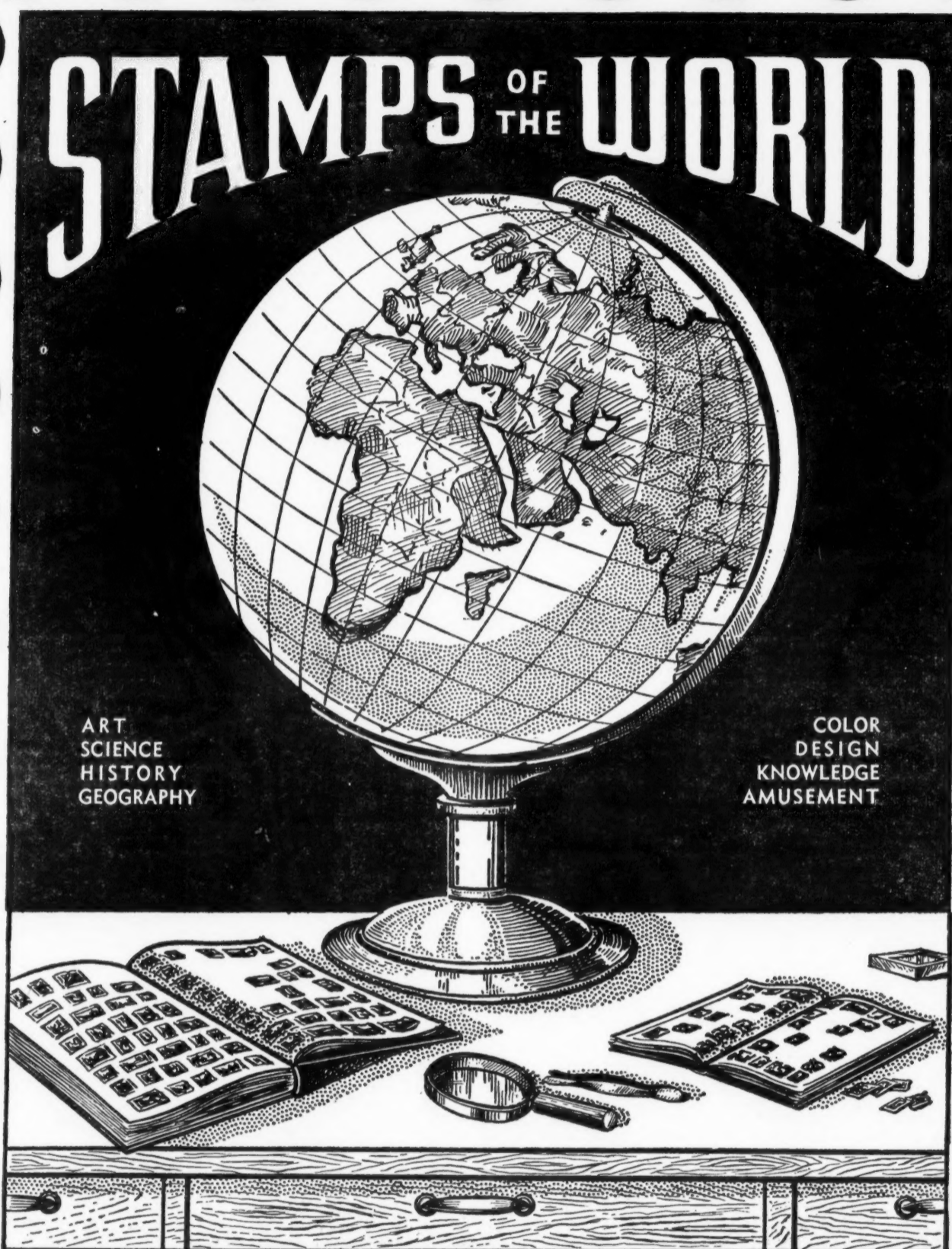
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